



Docket No.: T2171.0201/P201

(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:  
Atsuo Hattori, et al.

Application No.: 10/099,988

Art Unit: 2823

Filed: March 19, 2002

Examiner: K. Nguyen

For: MANUFACTURE OF PROBE UNIT  
HAVING LEAD PROBES EXTENDING  
BEYOND EDGE OF SUBSTRATE

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

RECEIVED  
NOV 14 2003  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated May 20, 2003 (Paper No. 6), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

11/12/2003 MBELETE1 00000031 10099988

01 FC:1201

172.00 0P

**FEE CALCULATION**

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

       If checked, Small Entity status is claimed

|   | No. Claims<br>After<br>Amendment |       | Highest<br>No.<br>Previously<br>Paid For |   | Extra<br>Present |   | Rate  | Additional<br>Fee |
|---|----------------------------------|-------|--|---|------------------|---|-------|-------------------|
| Total   | 19                               | MINUS | 20**                                     | = | 0                | X | 18.00 | \$0.00            |
| Indep.  | 5                                | MINUS | 3**                                      | = | 2                | X | 86.00 | \$172.00          |
| First presentation of multiple dependent claim(s) |                                  |       |  |   | X                |   |       | \$                |
| TOTAL   |                                  |       |  |   |                  |   |       | \$ -0-            |

\* not less than 20

\*\* not less than 3

In the event the actual fee is greater than the payment submitted or is inadvertently not enclosed or if any additional fee during the prosecution of this application is not paid, the Patent Office is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2215.

**CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST**

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-2215.